

August 2008

Mayor's Message

On July 15th the council approved \$675,000 for a new permanent home for our Police Department and an interim home for the Municipal Library giving three times the square footage as the present space with a potential move-in date of January 2009. We were able to accomplish this all within the 2008 budget and also saving taxpayers approximately \$2 million in interest payments.

Residential building is down but many commercial businesses have moved into our area. Our tax base is growing and unlike many other jurisdictions we are seeing a slight increase in revenue, and a steady bottom line. According to the 2nd quarter financial report, revenues have increased by \$86,498.23 from last year, which is 4% higher than budgeted for this year.

The city has concentrated on making 1st impressions by planting flowers in the welcome signs as well as planters in the medians. As maintenance crews beautify our area, we encourage residents to do the same.

Come join us at Pavillion Park on Aug 30th as we celebrate our 7th anniversary with the Spokane Symphony.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming events. Please stop me and say hi!

Mayor Wendy Van Orman

Your Monthly Connection to the City of Liberty Lake

Liberty Link

Committed to Fostering Community Enrichment

National Night Out Against Crime is August 5th

The 25th Annual National Night Out, a unique safety and community event, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from the U.S., U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases. Over 34 million people participated in National Night Out 2007.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

You can support the mission of National Night Out by getting together with your neighbors and turning on your porch lights. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. In support of the event, the City Council will be holding their August 5th, 7pm City Council Meeting at Pavillion Park. Chief Brian Asmus will also be visiting several of the scheduled neighborhood block parties.

Annual City of Liberty Lake

**Pet Day
in the Park**



August 16, 2008

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Pavillion Park in Liberty Lake

Event Schedule

- Doggie costume contest
- Cecil's Magic (Real Magic Show with Dogs and Doves)
- Doggie Walk around Pavillion Park and neighborhood
- Kimmy the Clown
- Search & Rescue Dogs
- Ruff Review



Inside the City

Bicycle Safety Tips

Bicycles are legally considered "vehicles" on Washington's roadways. That means bicyclists must obey the rules of the road like drivers of any other vehicle and must be treated as equal users by all other vehicles. The best way to avoid accidents is to be prepared and be aware of other vehicles around you. Avoid common bicyclist errors and common motorist errors committed around bicyclists.

Here are some safety tips for biking in Washington:

Obey traffic signs and signals - Bicycles must follow the rules of the road like other vehicles.

Never ride against traffic - Motorists aren't looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law and common sense require that bicyclists drive like other vehicles.

Follow lane markings - Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't go straight in a "right-turn only" lane.

Don't pass on the right - Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right.

Scan the road behind you - Look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving. Some use rear-view mirrors.

Keep both hands ready to brake - You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since breaks are less efficient when wet.

Wear a helmet and never ride with headphones - Always wear a helmet. Never wear a headphone while riding a bike.

Dress appropriately - In rain wear a poncho or waterproof suit. Always wear bright colored clothing.

Use hand signals - Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, of courtesy, and of self-protection.

Ride in the middle of the lane in slower traffic - Get in the middle of the lane at busy intersections and whenever you are moving at the same speed as traffic.

Choose the best way to turn left - There are two choices: (1) Like an auto: signal to move into the left turn lane and then turn left. (2) Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far side crosswalk. Walk your bike across.

Make eye contact with drivers - Assume that other drivers don't see you until you are sure that they do. Eye contact is important with any driver which might pose a threat to your safety.

Look out for road hazards - Watch out for parallel-slat sewer grates, gravel, ice, sand or debris. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.

Use lights at night - The law requires a white headlight (visible from at least 500 feet ahead) and a rear reflector or taillight (visible up to 300 feet from behind).

Keep your bike in good repair - Adjust your bike to fit you and keep it working properly. Check brakes and tires regularly.



2008 Annual City Comprehensive Plan & Development Code Amendment Review

The City Planning Commission has begun reviewing the 2008 proposed amendments. A Public Workshop was held at a special meeting on July 23rd at 4pm at Liberty Lake City Hall. An additional discussion meeting will be held on August 13th, and a Public Hearing on August 27th or September 10th. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make recommendations on the amendments that will be forwarded to the City Council for further review and possible adoption. Public testimony and written comments will be accepted throughout the process. Additionally, the River District Specific Area Plan Overlay (SAP-08-0001) began review by the Planning Commission on July 23rd. For more info, contact Planning & Building Services at 755-6708 or to view the proposed amendments and the River District SAP visit the City website at

www.libertylakewa.gov/development/public_notices.asp. Links to meeting agendas are also available.

Liberty Lake Municipal Library



Liberty Lake Municipal Library
1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 130, 140 Liberty Lake, WA 99019
Phone: 509-232-2510 Fax: 509-232-2512
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov>

Liberty Lake Recreation

**For more information on these and other City Recreation offerings,
visit www.libertylakewa.gov or call Troy @ 755-6726**



**LIBERTY LAKE
ROCKS 2008!**

**Friday August 22ND
2:30PM-10PM**

Registration limited to the first 96 people, so sign-up soon!
All ages Cost: \$5 (You must register by Aug 15th)



The Recreation Department is holding the first ever Liberty Lake Rocks 2008 Guitar Hero Tournament. This double-elimination tournament is for people of all ages and skill-levels!



DAYCAMP!

**K thru 6th grade
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
Weekly Rate: \$86 Daily Rate: \$20**



CHILL Daycamp has been a blast so far this summer! With over 65 kids registered, we're on pace to double the number of campers over last year. There's still time to get signed up for the last 3 weeks, so come on and CHILL with us!



SOCCER CAMP

Soccer Tots Camp:

August 11-14 Ages 4 to 10 \$75
(9-11:30am)



BASEBALL CAMP

Lil Sluggers Baseball Camp:

August 11-14 Ages 4 to 6 \$75
(9-11:30am)



2008 ROLLER HOCKEY CLASSIC

Thursday August 28th
4:00-9:00 pm
Pavillion Park Roller Hockey Court
20 min games of 4 on 4

**COME TO PLAY, OR COME TO WATCH
REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW!**

It may be summer, but it's time to start thinking Hockey! Our 1st ever Roller Hockey Classic is taking place on Aug. 28th. Teams ages 6-adult with 4-5 players will be playing recreational hockey and prizes will be awarded to everyone! **Only \$20 per team.**



**SUMMER Junior Golf Camps
& Adult Group
Lessons are available**

**Mollie Thola
LPGA Head Professional**

**For more information
or to register,**

**Call the Pro Shop
(509) 928-3484**

For more tips on keeping your home safe from wild-
fire, visit the Dept. of Natural Resources Web Site:
<http://www.dnr.wa.gov>

If you'd like fire fighters to come check out your
property to see if you have a defensible space, all you
need to do is call them.

•Maintain a well-pruned and watered landscape to
serve as a green belt and protection against fire.

•Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and the
barbecue area. Place a screen over the grill and use
non-flammable material with mesh no coarser than
one-quarter inch.

•Thin a 15-foot space between tree crowns, and
remove limbs within 15 feet of the ground.

•Create a defensible space perimeter by thinning
trees and brush within 30 feet around your home.

With the recent hot and dry weather, wildfires have
sprung up all across the Northwest. Here are a few
steps you can take to help protect your home:

Wildfire Watch

POSTAL PATRON OR CURRENT RESIDENT



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Get Involved - July 2008

Tuesday, Aug 5th

- City Council, 7 pm,
Special Location: Pavillion Park

Wednesday, Aug 6th

- Kiwanis, 6:45 am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch,
10 am-2 pm, City Hall
- SCOPE, 6:30 pm., City Hall



Thursday, Aug 7th

- Rotary, 12 pm, Best Western
Peppertree - Liberty Lake Inn

Monday, Aug 11th

- Central Valley School Board
6:30 pm, 19307 E. Cataldo

Wednesday, Aug 13th

- Kiwanis, 6:45 am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 10 am-2 pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission, 4pm, City Hall

Thursday, Aug 14th

- Rotary, 12 pm,
Best Western
Peppertree
Liberty Lake Inn



Tuesday, Aug 19th

- City Council, 7 pm, City Hall

Wednesday, Aug 20th

- Kiwanis, 6:45 am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 10 am-2 pm, City Hall
- Sewer / Water Board, 7 pm,
Denny Ashlock Building
- Meadowood Homeowner's Assoc.
Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

Thursday, Aug 21st

- Rotary, 12 pm, Best Western
Peppertree - Liberty Lake Inn

Monday, Aug 25th

- Central Valley School Board
6:30 pm, 19307 E. Cataldo

Wednesday, Aug 27th

- Kiwanis, 6:45 am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 10 am-2 pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission, 4pm, City Hall

Thursday, Aug 28th

- Rotary, 12 pm, Best Western
Peppertree - Liberty Lake Inn

Saturday, August 30th

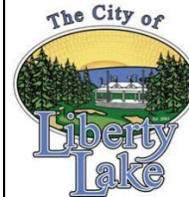
- Spokane Symphony Concert,
6 pm, Pavillion Park



Sunday, August 31st

- City of Liberty Lake's 7th Birthday !!

Contact the City



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City Hall Hours of Operation:
Mon. thru Fri. - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

• Mayor Wendy Van Orman	755-6701
• City Hall	755-6700
• Community Development	755-6707
• Liberty Lake Police Department	
• Emergency	911
• On-Duty Officer Cell	218-4899
• Chief Brian Asmus	755-1141
• Police Fax	755-1144
• S.C.O.P.E.	755-1143
• Liberty Lake Municipal Library	232-2510
• Trailhead Golf Course	928-3484

For more contact information and e-mail
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www.libertylakewa.gov